



# St John's Green Primary School

## First Footsteps

### Foundation & Year 1 Weekly Newsletter

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#### THIS WEEK:

Class Awards  
Lower Phase Reading  
Learning in Year 1  
Foundation Learning  
Learning Pit

#### DIARY DATES:

**Monday 1st May**  
Bank Holiday— School closed

**Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June**  
Half Term

**Friday 30th June—PTA Summer Fair**

**Thursday 20th July—Last day of the Summer Term**

#### Diary Date

The Foundation and Year 1 Sports Day will take place on the 22nd June at the Abbey Field site. Details will follow nearer the time.



#### Foundation /Year 1 After School Clubs

Places are available this term for Jumble Juniors -(Multi-Skills) Club and Dance After-School Club. Please enquire at the school office for further details.

We Maths

We are all writers ...



We are growing our learning



#### Forest Schools



This term the Foundation children will be taking part in Forest Schools in Bourne Woods. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire children through positive outdoor experiences. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable activities in a woodland environment the children have an opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound emotional and social skills. The children will visit Bourne Woods on a regular basis and through play will have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others.



This week each child will receive a letter explaining which days and times they will be attending. Please read these letters carefully as they may not be going on the same day every week. There will be an information session to answer any questions you may have at Abbey Fields Hall on Thursday 4th May at 2.30pm. If you are unable to attend Mrs Bullivant will be happy to answer any queries.

#### Learning in Year 1

As we begin the Summer term the focus for the Year 1's PE sessions is Athletics. The children took full advantage of the good weather and practised their running and sprinting skills on the field.



Meanwhile back in the classroom the children started looking at the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. They retold the tale using drama and then wrote about the different animals and fruit that Handa met on her journey. The children are aiming towards writing a new version of the story this week by changing the animals and types of food.



#### Learning in the Foundation Classes

Last week the children in the Foundation classes were demonstrating their progress towards their Mathematical Early Learning Goal. To achieve this Early Learning Goal the children need to be able to count reliably from one to 20,



place the numbers in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Also when using a range of concrete resources the children need to add and subtract two single digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. The children should also use their learning to solve number problems. The children enjoyed taking part in the fun practical assessments and were very proud of their achievements. The information gathered will help the teachers to plan motivating learning experiences to support the children's progress toward this Early Learning Goal.



#### Weekly Awards

**Star: Olivia-Grace O'Malley**— For the fantastic effort that she has put into developing her writing skills.  
**Jumbo: Roman Stallard**— For the way he is listening carefully when on the carpet and not shouting out.  
**Chariot: Rose Bate**— For the hard work she has put into all her learning.  
**Eagles: Beau Sales**— For the hard work that he has put into all areas of his learning and this has shown in the progress he is making.  
**Circus: Bethany Hall**— For her brilliant penguin homework she did over the Easter break  
**Roses: Aleksas Zadlavicius**— For the impressive way his communication has developed since starting school last half term.



#### Lower Phase Reading

Class	% Reading
Star	73%
Jumbo	76%
Chariot	97%
Roses	100%
Eagles	100%
Circus	94%